

DO IT YOURSELF HOME WATER SURVEY



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

FACT SHEET

Conserving water is everyone's responsibility. The City of San Diego wants to help you save water in your home and garden. One great way to get started is to schedule a residential water survey. The City offers professional water use surveys free of charge for City of San Diego water customers. These surveys demonstrate ways to save water inside and outside your home. Scheduling a water survey is easy and can be done through the City of San Diego Water Conservation Hotline at (619) 570-1999 or by email at watersurvey@sandiego.gov.

There are also many ways to ensure you are being water-wise in advance of your survey appointment. To get a head start on your home water conservation efforts, just follow the tips below:

Check for Leaks

Are there standing puddles or muddy spots under your garden faucet?

This can mean your garden hose connection is too loose or that the faucet itself needs to be replaced.

Does the toilet run in between flushes?

That means there's a leak between the tank and the toilet bowl. Drop some food coloring or dye tablet (available at most hardware stores) into the tank. If the color shows up in the bowl soon after, you have a leak.

Use Your Water Meter as a Leak Detector

Your water meter is generally located near the curb in front of your home. However, the meter may also be located in an alley way behind your property. Take a look at the meter and write down the total you see on the dial. Next, turn off every faucet in and around your home as tight as you can (make sure washing machines and dishwashers are turned off). Wait at least 15 minutes then check your meter again. If the numbers have changed, you've got a leak.

Make Sure Every Faucet and Fixture is Water Efficient

Take stock. Are there aerators on every faucet throughout the house? Are there low-flow heads on every shower? Are the toilets water efficient (less than two gallons per flush)? Does the washing machine adjust water levels for each load (small, medium and large)? Does the dishwasher have an efficiency setting to help conserve water? Having answers to these questions will help you know how much more you can conserve and will be important information to share with the water survey staff member during your appointment.

Learn More About Your Garden

The majority of residential water-waste results from over watering landscapes. You may be surprised how well your garden will do with less water. Give it a try by choosing one flower bed, a part of your lawn or some other small space for less irrigation. You will see the results soon and can make adjustments for the rest of your yard. Each of these recommendations will give you a head start in conserving water into the future.

With San Diego's water reduction goal set at 16 percent, all of us need to take action to save water wherever and whenever possible. For more tips, visit WasteNoWater.org.

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